



# Characteristics of Radiation Environments: Europa Orbiter

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# Agenda

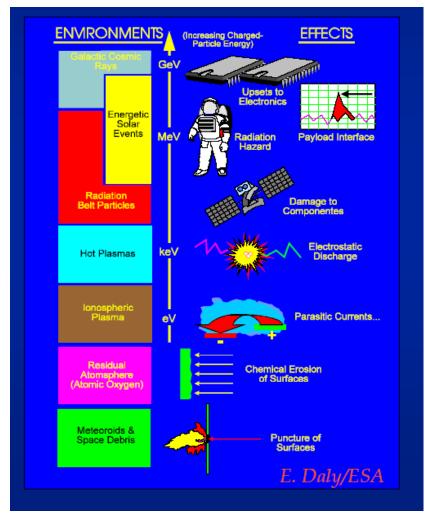
- Basics
  - Terminology
  - Constituents of radiation environments
- Radiation Environment for Europa Orbiter
- Summary





#### Overview

- Total Ionizing Dose
  - Cumulative long term ionizing damage mainly due to protons and electrons
- Displacement Damage Dose
  - Cumulative long term non-ionizing damage mainly due to protons, electrons, and neutrons
- Single Event Effects
  - Event caused by a single charged particle (heavy ions and/or protons) traversing the active volume of microelectronic devices
- Charging
  - Internal Charging
  - Surface Charging
- Material Degradation
- Noises in Science Instruments



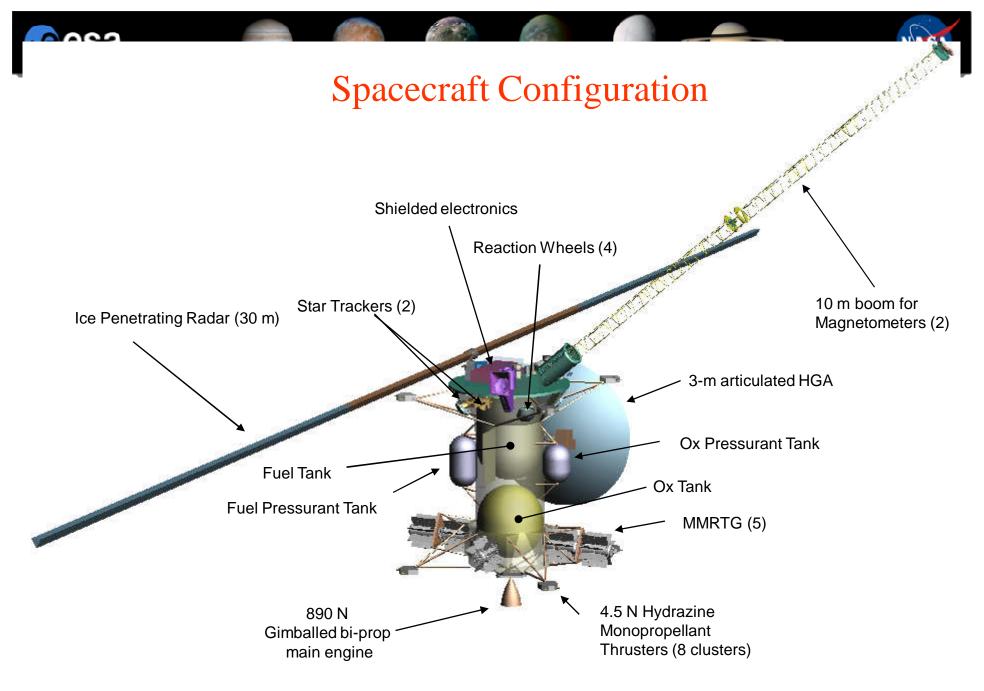




#### Definitions.....

- Flux,  $\phi(E,t)dE$ :
  - Number of particles crossing unit area per unit time in (cm<sup>2</sup>-s)<sup>-1</sup>.
  - peak flux, dose rate, SEU rate....
- Fluence,  $\Phi(E)dE$ :
  - Integral of the flux over a given time interval (i.e., one hour, one year, etc.) in cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - mission fluence, total ionizing dose, displacement damage dose....
- Integral Fluence:
  - Number of particles with an energy E1 or greater,  $I(E \ge E1) = \int_{E1}^{\infty} \Phi(E') dE'$
- Linear Energy Transfer (LET):
  - Energy transferred to material as an ionizing particle travels through it in MeV/cm.
- Mass LET
  - LET/ $\rho$  in MeV-cm<sup>2</sup>/g, where  $\rho$  is the density of shielding material.
- Rad = 6.25E7 MeV/g

Ionizing Dose = 
$$\int_{E} \Phi(E) LET(E) dE$$







#### Radiation Environments for EO

- Solar Energetic Particles (SEP)
  - TID, DDD, SEE
- Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCR)
  - SEE
- Neutrons from RTG or ASRG
  - DDD, SEU
- Photons from RTG or ASRG
  - TID
- Low-energy (<100 keV) trapped particles in the Jovian magnetic field
  - Surface material degradation, surface charging
- High energy (>100 keV) trapped particles in the Jovian magnetic field
  - TID, DDD, SEE, IESD





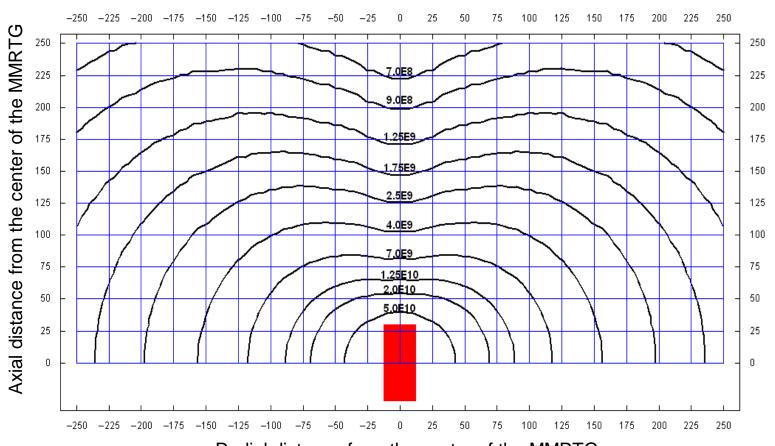
# MMRTG 1 MeV Eq. Neutron Fluence Level for 1-Year Operation (Computed by the DOE provided MMRTG Fuel Data)

1 Year Fluence

# of 1MeV neutron/cm<sup>2</sup>

RDF=1

Neutron Displacement Damage, 25 cm grid



Radial distance from the center of the MMRTG





### MMRTG Ionizing Dose Level for 1-Year Operation (Computed by the DOE provided MMRTG Fuel Data)

RDF=1 Rad(Si)/year Gamma Dose in Silicon, 25 cm grid -250 -225 -200 -175 -150 -125 -100 -75 -50 -25 125 150 175 200 225 250 Axial distance from the center of the MMRTG 

Radial distance from the center of the MMRTG

100 125 150

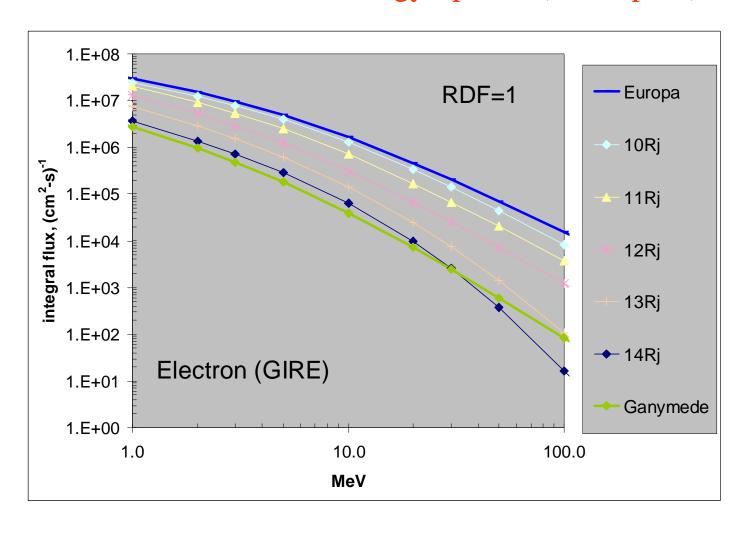
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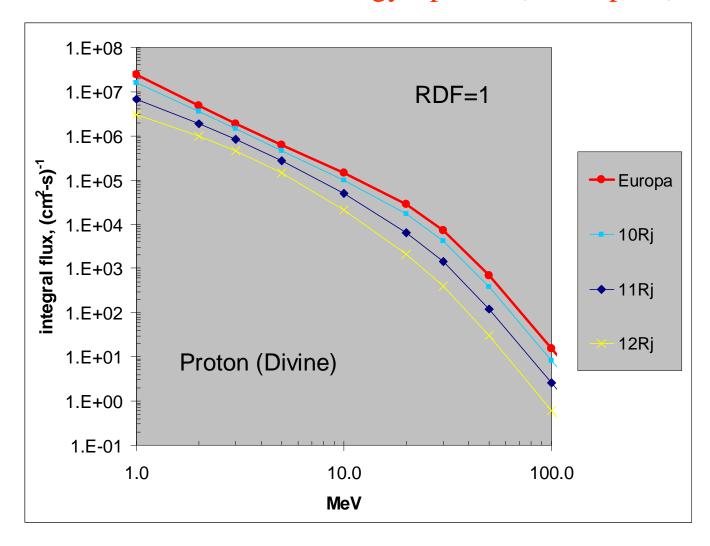
#### Electron Environment Energy Spectra (Free Space)







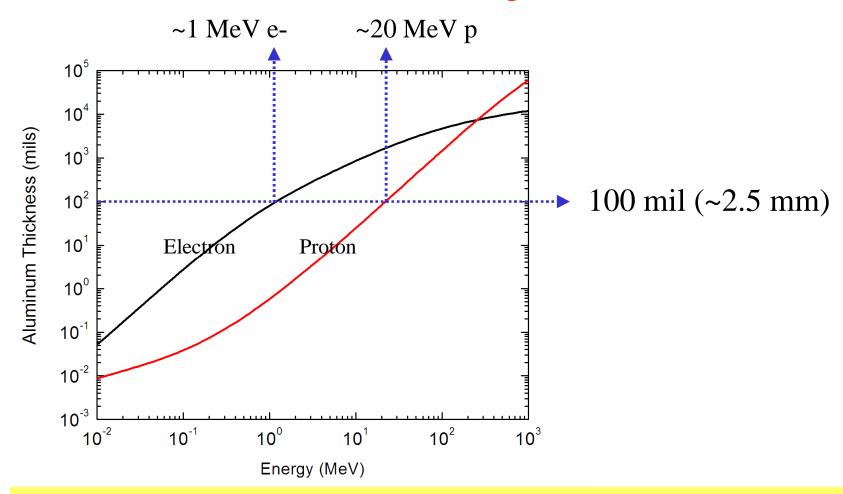
#### Proton Environment Energy Spectra (Free Space)







# Electron and Proton Range in Aluminum



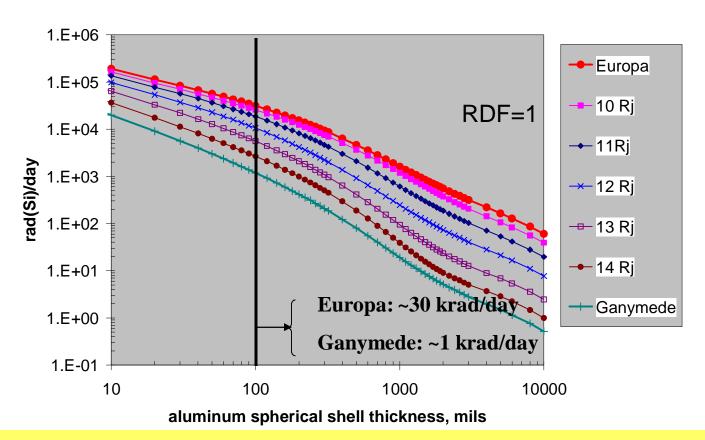
It requires ~1 MeV electrons or ~20 MeV protons to penetrate 100-mil of aluminum.





# Dose-Depth Curves (Free Space)

TID (per Day) vs Jovian Altitude (Rj)

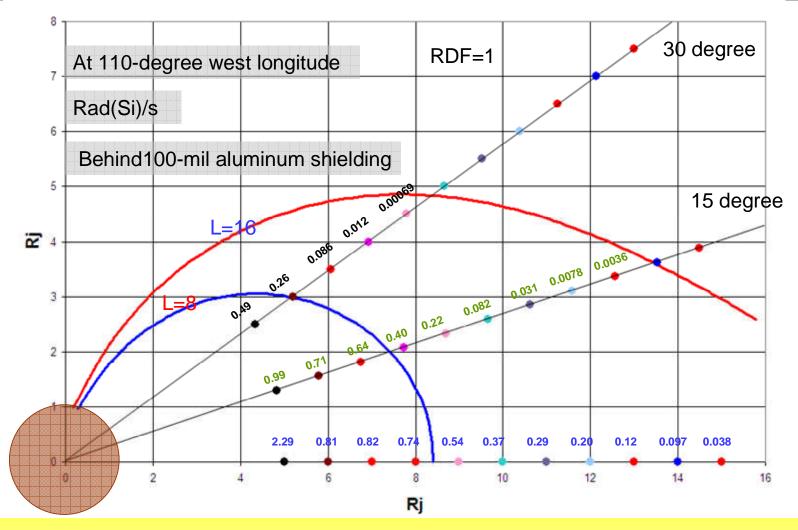


This dose-depth curve provides the dose level at the center of aluminum "spherical shell" spacecraft

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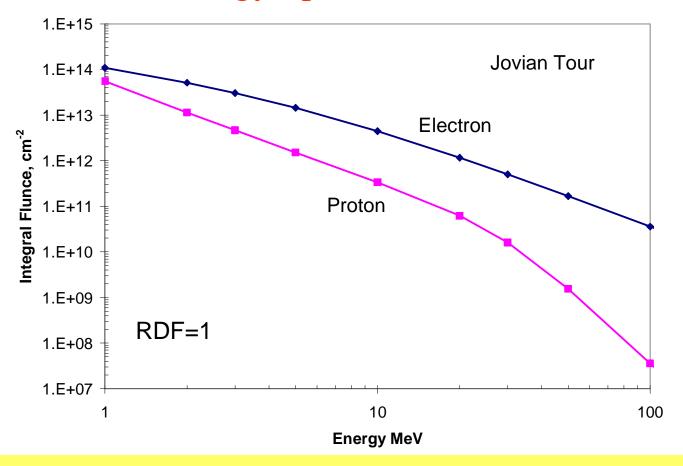


This dose "rate" map can be used as a simple tool for trajectory design, optimizing radiation environment.





### EE2007 Energy Spectra for the Jovian Tour

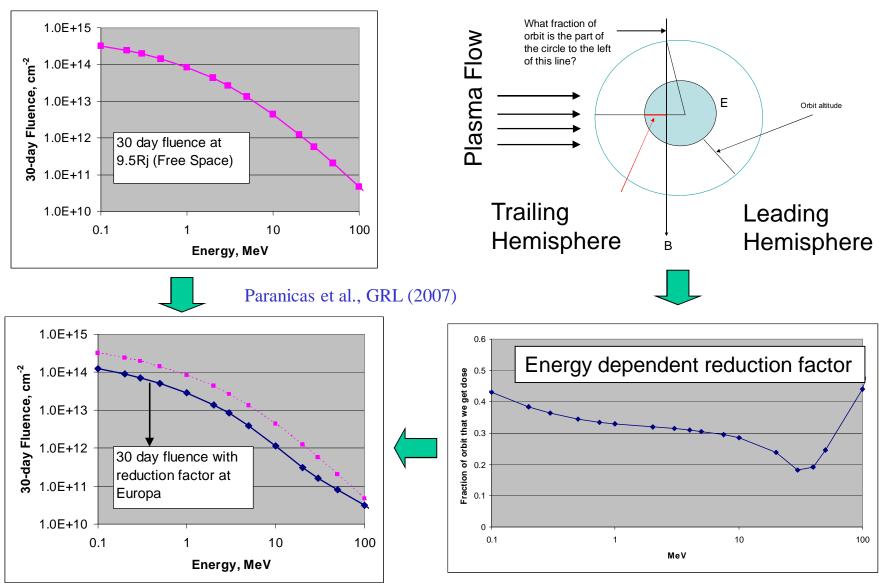


This figure shows the integral energy spectra of fluence during the jovian tour phase of the mission.





#### Radiation Environment at Europa with the "Computed" Reduction Factor



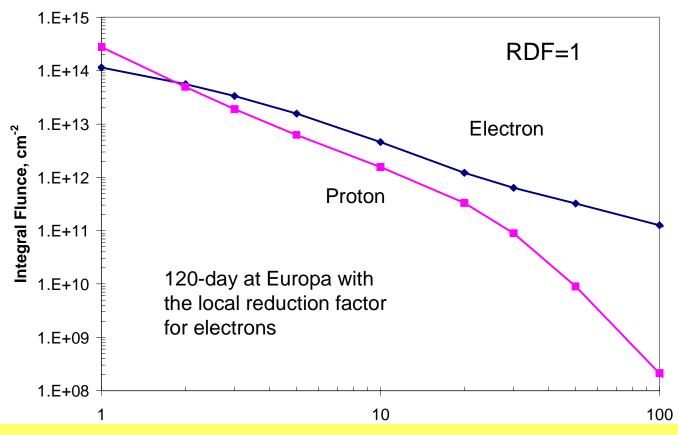
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#### EE2007 Energy Spectra for 120-days at Europa

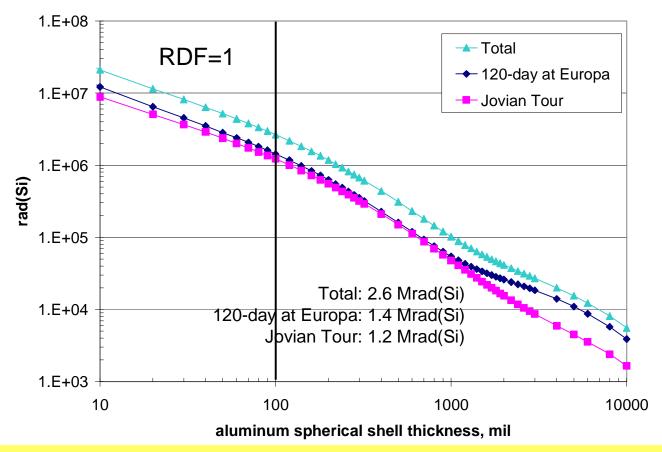


This figure shows the integral energy spectra of 120-day fluence at Europa





# EE2007 Mission Dose-Depth Curve by Mission Segment

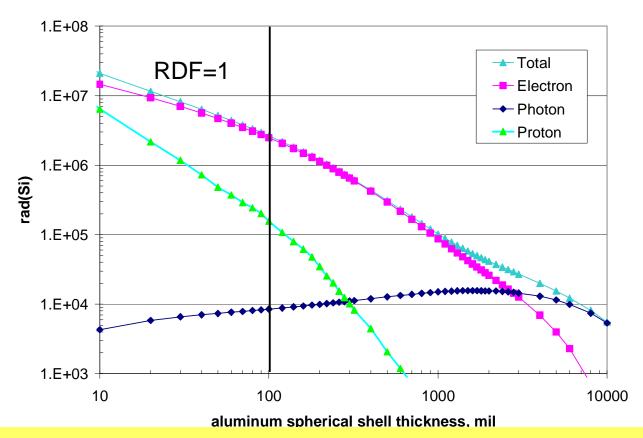


The external environments defined in the previous two charts are used to generate this spherical shell dose-depth curve, which provides the TID levels at the center of aluminum spherical shell spacecraft.





## EE2007 Dose-Depth Curve by Particle Type

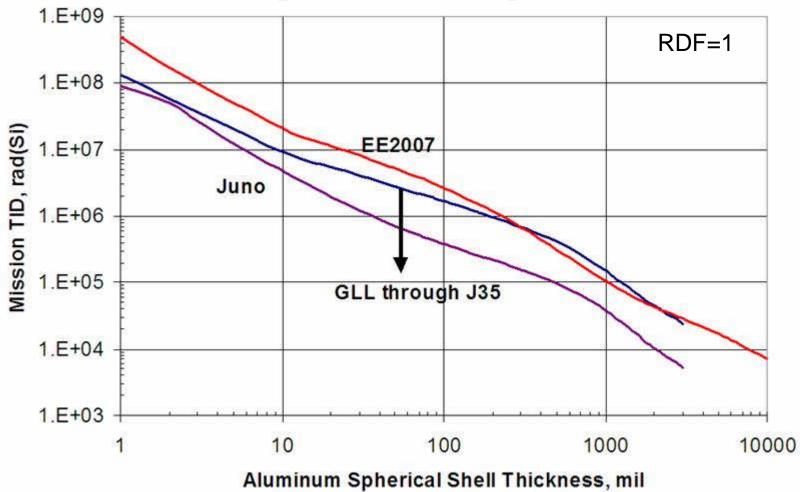


The same dose-depth curve, but this illustrates the contribution of different particle species to the TID. As shown, the electron contribution dominates to about 3-in of aluminum shielding, and then the bremsstrahlung contribution takes over.





# Dose-Depth Curve Comparison (1)

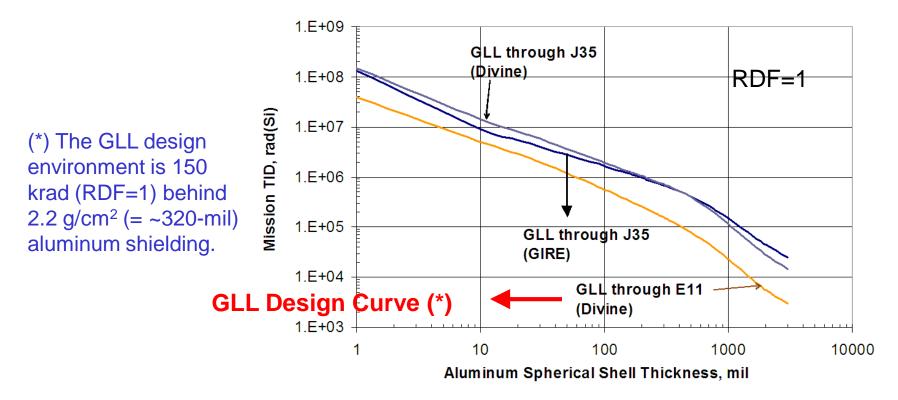


The EE2007 radiation environment is comparable to the GLL radiation environment.





# Dose-Depth Curve Comparison (2)



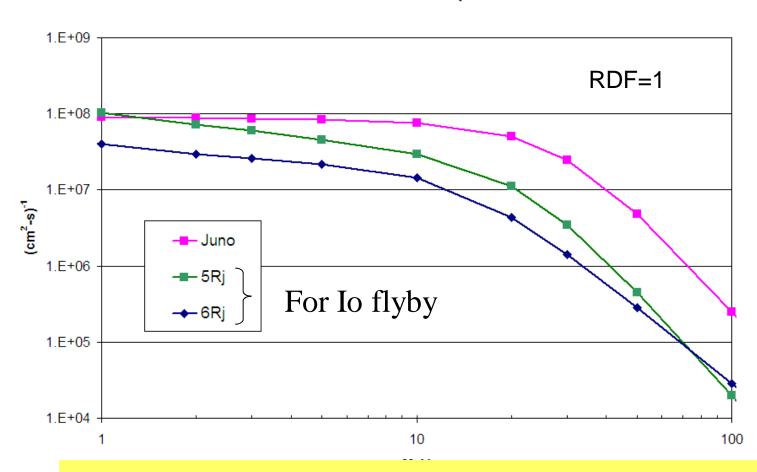
This clearly demonstrates the inherent conservatism in the GLL design. The radiation environment GLL actually experienced exceeds the design environment.





# Peak Flux Comparison

Peak "Electron" Flux Comparison

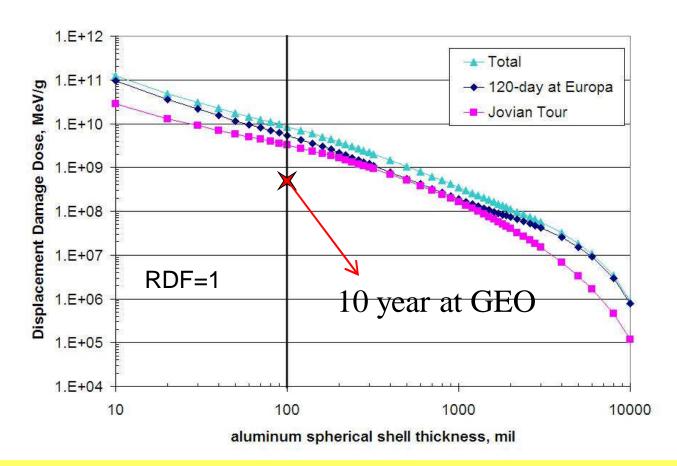


The peak flux (dose-rate) environment expected for EE is lower than the Juno peak flux environment.





#### EE2007 Displacement Damage Dose (1)



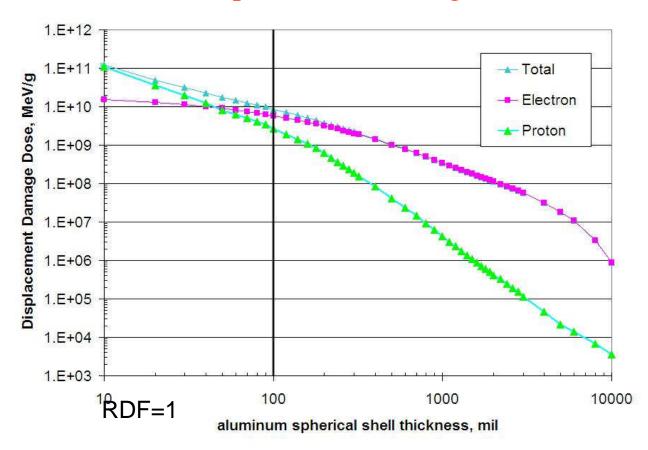
This is the displacement damage dose depth curve, which provides the damage dose levels at the center of aluminum spherical shell spacecraft.

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#### EE2007 Displacement Damage Dose (2)



This shows the contribution of different particle species to the damage dose. As shown, the electron is the dominant contributor to the damage dose.

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# Radiation Mitigation Plan for Europa Orbiter













#### Addressing the Radiation Risk

- Individual items were identified and understood.
- The phasing of tasks under the plan is driven by the following tentative milestones:
  - Mission Concept Review
  - Instrument Announcement of Opportunity (AO)
  - Preliminary Mission and System Review (PMSR)
  - Preliminary Design Review (PDR)
- Priorities are set:
  - Instrument AO and preparation material
  - System Engineering leading to PMSR
  - Engineering Design leading up to PDR
- Activities are planned to continue into FY09

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#	Radiation Task
1	System Reliability Model
	Parts & Circuit Models & Validation
	Systems Element Models & Validation
2	Environment and Shielding Models
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3	Radiation Design & Analysis Methods
	Tutorials & Guidelines - Environment, Shielding, Parts, Materials, Circuits and Subsystems
4	Sensors and Detectors
	Science detectors: assessment and testing Engr detectors: assessment and testing
	Ligi detectors, assessment and testing
5	Parts Evaluation & Testing
	Testing strategy including TID, ELDRs
	Juno parts testing exetension
	Part/Device testing
6	Approved Parts and Materials
	EEE Parts & Materials List





# Radiation Design Challenges and Mitigation Plan for Science

#### Instruments

- Radiation Induced Noises in Detectors/Sensors
  - Detector Working Group.
  - Simulation of radiation induced noise to better define the magnitude of issue and inform test plan.
- Electronic Parts and Materials
  - Approved Parts and Materials List (APML).
  - Extensive radiation testing (TID/DDD/SEE/Dose rates/Material/Charging).
- Shielding and Charging Mitigation Designs
  - Shielding Design Guideline and Charging Mitigation Design Guideline are planned for release later this year.
- Also, we will have an engineering Radiation Monitoring Subsystem to provide the real-time environmental conditions.
- Information will be made available to instrument community.
  - ITAR restrictions may apply to some of this information.

Today is the first of several workshops that we will have for potential instrument providers.